

Discuss the salient aspects of Shah Waliullah's Movement and analyze its impact on the Muslims of the Subcontinent. **(20 Marks)**

Write a detailed note on the importance of Shanghai Cooperation Organization and how it can play its part in bringing Pakistan and India together on one table. **(20 Marks)**

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### Introduction:

Shah Waliullah, also known as the Qutb-ul-Din was a religious scholar. He got his education in different educational institutions. He focused on the discipline of economics, politics, religious teachings. During his reign the most prominent challenges was the political upheaval of Mughal empire and economical conditions. He gave his services in the field of education, politics, and economy.

### Life History of Shah Waliullah:

Shah Waliullah was born in Feb. 21, 1703 in New Delhi, India. He got his early education from his father. Later he moved to Karachi and pursued his religious education. He thought to

to rationally teach the Islamic teachings. Upon his arrival he taught the Muslims of sub-continent the politics, economics and religious education.

## Societal Conditions at time of Shah Waliullah

**Political Conditions: Uproar of Mughal Empire:**

When Aurangzeb died, he was just four years old and when he brought up ten Mughal rulers came to power. There was all the wars among the successors resulting in the political upheaval in the sub-continent.

**Religious Conditions: Division among the religious scholars:**

Religious scholars were divided on the basic Islamic teachings. They presented different Islamic principles on the same issue. They started finding the religious bases of Islamic teachings. So the people were divided and have their own interpretations.

**Economic Conditions: Suffered losses due to attacks.**

Kingdom was not stable because of the political up-turmoil. Then the different attacks have created setbacks for the economy. Resources of the empire were being depleted because

of the repeated attacks. Moreover, different Rajas had captured the land of the empire. Thus creating more pressures on the economy.

## Salient Aspects of Shah Waliullah's Movement:

### Educational Aspect: Translation of Quran

In 1738, Shah Waliullah translated the Holy Quran from Arabic to Persian. Moreover his sons also translated the Holy Quran into Urdu. He wrote many books some of them named Tafheem ul Shahih. He also emphasised on the Ijtihad and wrote a book named Khilafat-o-Malakat to bridge the differences between Shia and Sunni.

### Political Aspect: Defeating the Mughals:

Mughals started attacking the empire and tried to gain control over the empire. Shah Waliullah perceived all these things and wrote letters to the Najibullah was the ruler of Ah. Also wrote letters to the Ahmed Abdali to protect the empire from the attack of Mughals. So the Ahmed Shah Abdali defeated the Mughals in the third battle of Panipat.

Economic Aspect: Bring Equality  
Shah Waliullah, through his teachings emphasized on the equal distribution of wealth and fairness in dealings. In his book he described two common reasons for the bad economic conditions.

1. Big salaries of employees who were not contributing to the state.
2. Large burden of taxes on the local people.

### Four Economic Principles:

Shah Waliullah believed in acquiring wealth, sharing wealth, exchanging wealth and spending wealth. He presented four economic principles:

1. Resources of an area should be distributed firstly among the people of that area.
2. All the people should have equal chances to acquire wealth.
3. Any practice which concentrate wealth should be prohibited.
4. A balance should be maintained among all above principles.

## Impacts of Shah Waliullah's Movement on the Muslims of Sub-Continent:

### Political Impact: Defeat of Mughals

The letters of Shah Waliullah to the different rulers proved fruitful and the Mughals were defeated. It prevented the Mughals to control over the empire and implement non-Islamic teachings. As Shah Waliullah once said:

'Ruler is like a heart in the state. If it spoils then like the whole body the whole state becomes impure.'

He also played a vital role in rising the Muslim nationalism and laid down the foundations of freedom movement for the people of sub-continent.

### Religious Impact: Removal of Dis-beliefs:

The teachings and letters of Shah Waliullah proved successful in correct shaping the beliefs. Moreover his translation of Holy Quran into the Persian made it understandable among majority of the Persian spoken people. In addition to this, he worked hard and to some extent proved successful in shaping the gaps of the Shia and Sunni

Economic Impact: Brought Equality among people.

Through the four socio-economic principles presented by the Shah Waliullah and identifying the root causes of economic failure or recession, he became successful in stopping the gap between the rich and poor. In this way the equality brought about in the society. The most important other element was that he brought control on inflation. By giving more pressure on equitable share of resources and prohibition in concentration of wealth he brought equality.

### Conclusion:

Shah Waliullah tried his best to teach the Islamic principles based on economy, politics and religious understanding. He gave the rational teachings of Islam. Therefore the Muslims of the sub-continent became aware of their disbeliefs and came to know the actual teachings of Islam. On his death on 1962, his followers carried on his teachings to enlighten many more lives with the teachings of Islam.

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### Introduction :

Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is an intergovernmental organization between the central Asian states, East Asia and South Asia. Its primary objectives are to ensure peace, economic prosperity and cultural exchange among the member states. Focusing on objectives it can play a major role in the dispute handling of member states. Recently it was held in Astana ~~Kabulistan~~ on 5 and 6th of July.

### Historical Background of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)

SCO was formerly known as the "Shanghai Five." It was established in 1996. Later on Uzbekistan joined this organization and it formed the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. Its member states are eight are following: China, Russia, India, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan. It operates in structure and has different forums.

### Importance of Shanghai Cooperation Organization

#### Political Importance

SCO provides an opportunity to the member states to sit one to another. It provides an ample opportunity to



the less developing countries like Pakistan to engage with the most developed countries like China, Russia. These coalitions can pursue a good diplomacy on the matter of national interests.

### Economic Importance:

As it is mentioned in the objectives of SCO it will be ensured the economic prosperity among the member states. Member states through developing infrastructure add more to the economy. Recent example is the Chinese BRI investment in Pakistan by establishing CPEC. The SCO member states can ensure the loans on easy terms to bring any member state out of default.

### Cultural Importance:

SCO promotes cultural exchange among its member states from people to people. The most prominent example is the opening of Confucius institutes in almost every university of Pakistan. Moreover SCO also give importance to enjoying the people so that a common harmony could be built among member states.

### Other Areas:

SCO also highlights the importance of climate change and addressing the environment degradation. In a short

meeting the climate issue are discussed and by focusing on ensuring more funds to the climate hit areas. In addition to this SCO also addresses the causes of environmental degradation which leads to the existential threat to humanity.

### Security Importance:

Objectives of SCO clearly mention that it will ensure peace and security by combating terrorism and extremism. It is important that the security also diminishes fault among the member states like India and Pakistan. So this platform provide an opportunity to counter this menace.

### How it can Bring Pakistan and India closer?

### Immediate Issues of Both Pakistan and India Leading to Instability

#### Water Issue:

Water issue is the immediate issue between India and Pakistan. According to Indus water treaty of 1960 three western rivers were given to Pakistan and three eastern rivers were given to the India. India lies on upper riparian and blocked many times the water of Chenab and Ravi by building dams on it. Recent development on the construction of Kishanganga project Pakistan

20% GDP comes from agriculture. By sacking water it is affected most.

### Cross-Border Terrorism:

As evidenced showed that the India is involved in the cross-border terrorism in Pakistan. India achieved its voracious aims by giving donations to the TTP and ISLA. Arrest of Kalbhoshan Yadav is an prominent example. In addition to this it operates sleeper cells from UAE to kill prominent personalities.

### Kashmir Issue:

Kashmir issue is the bone of contention between India and Pakistan. Pakistan cut its diplomatic ties with India when it abrogated the article 370 and 35 A. Still India is carrying out genocide of Kashmiris. Pakistan demanded to resolve the issue of Kashmir according to UN - charter.

### Role of SCO in conducting these issues:

By resolving the above-mentioned issues as these are mentioned in the objectives of SCO, India and Pakistan can be brought on one table.